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SUBJ: DEMARCH RE ECHEVERRIA'S SPEECH TO CHILEAN COMMISSION

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I SAW RABASA AT HIS HOME AT ONE P.M. SATURDAY (HE WAS BETWEEN APPOINTMENTS WITH VISITING YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT/FOREIGN MINISTER AND PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH). AS INSTRUCTED I MADE PRESENTATION ALONG

LINES OF REFTEL, CHANGING ONLY THE SPIRIT OF LAST SENTENCE TO MAKE IT MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND LESS "THREATENING", I.E., "PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF CLOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS." RABASA SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND OUR UNHAPPINESS BUT THOUGHT MATTER SHOULD BE PUT IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE IN LIGHT OF: 1/ECHEVERRIA'S TACTIC IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ISSUES OF ATTEMPTING TO WREST ISSUES AWAY FROM THE OPPOSITION BY PRE-EMPTING LEFTIST POSITIONS; 2/THE FACT THAT THE SECOND PART OF SPEECH (SEE EMBTEL 1570-PARAGRAPHS SIX THROUGH 14) IN EFFECT REJECTS COMMUNIST AND TOTALITARIAN

SOLUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FAVOR OF "MEXICAN WAY" BASED ON THE "PRACTICAL EXPRESSION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN LIBERTIES" THIS SECTION OF THE SPEECH, HE SAID, RECEIVED NO APPLAUSE FROM THE LEFTIST CONFIDENTIAL

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AUDIENCE); AND FINALLY, 3/, SAD AS IT WAS FOR OUR FRIENDS,

THE CURRENT DESTRUCTIVE SELF-CRITICISM IN THE UNITED STATES HAD BROUGHT OUT THE ADMISSION THAT THE U.S. HAD

SPENT SOME EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS INTERFERING IN CHILE. (CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL HARRINGTON HIMSELF SPOKE AT LAST DAY OF CTBMISSION IN TERMS HARSHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. ACTION IN CHILE.)

HERE I TOLD RABASA THATIOSUCH EXPENDITURES, WHILE PERHAPS NOT ORTHODOX, WERE STILL A VERY DIFFERENT MATTER FROM "OVERTHROWING" ALLENDE. IN OUR CASE, IT WAS PARTICULARLY WOUNDING TO HAVE THE CHIEF OF STATE OF A NEIGHBORING AND FRIENDLY COUNTRY, UTILIZING PUBLICLY AGAINST US THE EXPRESSIONS

OF WHAT WAS IN ESSENCE A DOMESTIC AND INTERNAL POLITICAL DEBATE REGARDING THE C.I.A. I OBSERVED, THAT, AS FAR AS I KNEW, NEITHER THE GOM NOR ITS PRESIDENT HAD EVER EXPRESSED PRIVATELY CONCERNS RE THIS ASPECT OF THE CHILEAN ISSUE WITH US, AND THIS MADE IT ALL MORE PUZZLING THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE NOW, PUBLICLY BEFORE SUCH A SUSPECT FORUM AS THE CHILEAN CRIMES COMMISSION.

RABASA EXPRESSED AGREEMENT POINTING OUT THAT GOM WAS NOW CONVINCED THAT THE COMMISSION WAS MANIPULATED BY THE SOVIETS. HE MADE NOTES OF MY PRESENTATION AND SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO ECHEVERRIA, STRESSING, AS I REQUESTED, THAT OUR DEMARCHE WAS MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER, ALONG WITH EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL REGARD FOR ECHEVERRIA AS WELL AS FOR RABASA HIMSELF.

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